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SUBJECT: DECLARATION ON ATLANTIC RELATIONS: FRENCH POSITION ON
PARAGRAPH 11

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1. FOLLOWING CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR DE ROSE REPORTED IN REFTEL, DE ROSE CALLED BACK TO SAY THAT HE HAD TALKED WITH PARIS AND HAD ASCERTAINED THE VIEWS OF FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES ON THE MATTER OF PARAGRAPH 11 OF THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION. DE ROSE SAID THAT THE MINISTER WANTED TO COME TO A MEETING OF THE MINDS WITH SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER ON CONSULTATION. HE WISHED TO BE SURE THAT THERE WAS NO MISUNDERSTANDING ON THE SUBJECT. AS SAUVAGNARGUES SAW IT, CONSULTATION WAS A MATTER OF GOOD FAITH AND OF NORMAL PRACTICE AMONG ALLIES, NOT A MATTER FOR A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT. THE MINISTER WANTED TO HAVE A THOROUGH DISCUSSION WITH THE SECRETARY AND OF COURSE WITH THE OTHER ALLIES ON WHAT CONSULTATION REALLY MEANT. IT WAS NOT A QUESTION OF THIS OR THAT FORMULA. LANGUAGE COULD BE AGREED EASILY AT OTTAWA, IN FACT. HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT EACH OF THE ALLIES INTENDED.

2. AS TO THE FORMULA THAT DE ROSE HAD PROPOSED FOR THE SECOND SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 11, THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD BROOD OVER IT AND IT MIGHT COME UP IN DISCUSSIONS LATER WITH THE
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SECRETARY OF STATE. DE ROSE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE MINISTER WAS HOPING TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER ON THIS SUBJECT AT LUNCHEON ON JUNE 18.

3. DE ROSE SAID THAT HE WAS THEREFORE NOT IN A POSITION TO
ADVANCE THE COMPROMISE PROPOSAL OR SUPPORT THE BELGIAN COMPROMISE
RENDERED IN USNATO 3386 AND WOULD EXPRESS IN THE COUNCIL MEETING
SCHEDULED FOR LATER IN THE DAY SOME OF THE VIEWS WHICH
HE HAD EXPRESSED PRIVATELY TO ME.
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